



## *Coronavirus Resources: Transportation*

### *American Rescue Plan*

Oregon's U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley pushed for passage of President Biden's *American Rescue Plan* to get stimulus checks in Americans' bank accounts, help Main Street businesses stay afloat, and save the unemployment insurance program that 20 million Americans are relying on to make ends meet.

With this bill, urgently needed resources will be delivered to state, local, and tribal governments so they support the health of communities, and also pay firefighters, first responders, and other critical employees. Resources will go to schools and educators so they can safely get students back in the classroom. Resources will go to struggling families who are balancing work, school, and childcare from home. Resources will get personal protective equipment in the hands of frontline health heroes. And resources will mobilize a massive, national vaccine distribution plan to get shots into arms, and get past this pandemic.

### *Transportation Investments in the Bill*

- **\$30.5 billion for the transit industry**
  - \$26.09 billion for urbanized area formula grants;
  - \$317 million for rural area formula grants;
  - \$50 million for mobility for seniors and persons with disabilities grants;
  - \$100 million for non-urbanized intercity bus program recipients;
  - \$25 million for planning grants;
  - \$2.21 billion in grants for recipients in need of financial assistance to maintain operations over and above the aid that has been provided; and
  - \$1.68 billion for qualifying projects in the CIG Program, which includes \$250 million for Small Starts projects and \$1.43 billion for New Starts and Core Capacity projects.
- **\$1.7 billion for Amtrak**
  - \$970 million for Northeast Corridor grants
  - \$730 million for National Network grants
- **Another \$14 billion for airlines under the Payroll Support Program (PSP)**
  - The support package will preclude airlines from laying off or furloughing additional workers through the fall and keep people employed.
- **New \$10 billion Critical Infrastructure Projects program to help states, territories, and tribal governments carry out critical capital projects** directly enabling work, education, and health monitoring, including remote options, in response to COVID-19
  - Makes clear that funds can be used for local economic recovery purposes, including assistance to households, small businesses and nonprofits, assistance to hard-hit industries like tourism, travel, and hospitality, and infrastructure investment.

*For updates:* Visit [merkley.senate.gov/coronavirus](https://merkley.senate.gov/coronavirus) for updates on these and other resources.